

Project Initiation Memorandum

To: **A/Chief Geographic Research**
From: **A/ Chief, Geography Division**

Project No.: **64,1695**
Date: **25 July 58**

- 1. Subject of Proposed Project: **International Highways of Soviet Central Asia**
- 2. Statement of Problem: (Outline to be attached)

To produce details on roads that lead from the Soviet Union into Iran, Afghanistan, and Turkey, including:

- a. Width of road
- b. Surface material and condition
- c. Logistic capacity
- d. Gradients
- e. Bridges
- f. Passes

3. Requester: **[Redacted] Chief, Acquisition Branch, OISD/DD/P -- Case K-5640.**
Copy of memorandum of request attached.

4. Responsible Analyst: **[Redacted]** Branch: **USSR** 25X1A9a

- 5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:
 - a. Other divisions of the Geographic Area (include maps):
 - b. D/GL Domestic Procurement:
 - c. Other parts of CIA:
 - d. Outside CIA:

- 6. Estimated Man Hours: **25**
- 7. Probable Completion Date: **August 1958**
- 8. Probable Form of Final Publications: **O/I-**

9. Special Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report:
Requester only.

10. Comments:
This information is in addition to that provided in O/I-179, April 1956.

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A /Chief, Geography Division

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A/Chief, Geographic Research Date

[Signature] Assistant Director, ORR Date

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